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<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	
In re application of: <b>Patrick J. Rafter et al.</b>	Date: <b>February 21, 2006</b>
Serial Number: <b>10/710,679</b>	Examiner: <b>Thanh-Tam T. Le</b>
Filed: <b>July 28, 2004</b>	Group Art Unit: <b>2839</b>
Title: <b>Electrostatic Discharge Dissipative Sockets</b>	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/321, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 10/18/05, for which a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time to Respond until 2/21/06 is attached, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

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